

## **SAFETY INTRODUCER APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREFOR**

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

5           An introducing apparatus is provided which includes an elongate tubular sheath extending from a sheath proximal end to a sheath distal end. The sheath has a bore sized to receive a dilator therethrough. The sheath further includes at least one tab extending away from a longitudinal axis of the sheath. The dilator extends from a dilator proximal end to a dilator distal end. The introducing  
10 apparatus further includes a needle disposed within the dilator, and retractably coupled with the dilator. One or more portions of the needle is flexible.